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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with William H. Darden of the Staff of the
Senate Armed Services Committee

1. After delivering a memorandum to William Darden concerning the disposal of two transmitters to AMCOMLIB, we drifted into a discussion of the complaints of the former employee which were discussed by Senator Russell on 8 August 1958. Darden stated that he had interviewed the individual personally. The matter had first come up some months back and then the individual had come in again asking if anything had been done and whether or not there was any objection to taking up the matter elsewhere. Darden stated that the individual gave the impression of being a fairly substantial type of person and would not fit the normal category of "malcontent." Darden stated further that the individual had hoped for some type of adversary proceedings on the subject of his complaints about CIA. Darden indicated that he did not believe that Senator Russell would want CIA to have a copy of the memorandum and this point was not pressed in any way.

2. Mr. Darden also discussed the question of a thorough briefing of the Subcommittee and indicated that from his viewpoint the Agency was not at fault in this respect but that the Committee was. He ventured the opinion that it would be extremely desirable to brief the Subcommittee in detail on the Agency's organizational set up, its functions and its activities having in mind some of the criticisms directed at the Agency for the numbers of its headquarters personnel. Mr. Darden stated he would do everything possible to attempt to get the Subcommittee to meet to hear such a presentation possibly late in the fall or very early in the next Congress.


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